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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your response, and I am mindful that you are pressed for time.

You ask the question, "If there was no brain how could those 40 dust-like fragments have been in the X-rays of it?" One answer is that X-ray evidence from the Kennedy autopsy is just not credible. We've all seen the fantastic versions of Kennedy's wounds produced pursuant to the HSCA investigation. Moreover, lf these fragments had been planted on the outside of the head, the X-ray would not be capable of illustrating the forgery. A final possibility is that the X-ray was taken while the brain was still in the head. Although the statements of enlisted men regarding a prior coffin entry and an empty cranium are straightforewad, corroborative and consistent, Lifton's book leaves unclear the matter of just when the empty cranium was first noted. The dirty work could have been done at Bethesda. Sibert & O'Neill would not have known of this, because they saw **nothing** before 8 P.M. But all relevant witnesses are now in agreement. 1-There was no brain. 2-Independent of Sibert & O'Neill in partial corroboration, are the enlisted men who say there was no brain before Sibert & O'Neill appeared. Full corroboration of course in the main fact. Finally, there is no proof that Humes turned in anything on Sunday, his "original" is in any event undated, and receipts at the White House tell us nothing about contents. Visible, meaningful handwritten changes lend a subtle credibility to what is fake, since the question naturally arises, "Why would they do something obvious?"

Humes is such a dyed-in-the-wool bureaucrat that he can probably express truth only in an allegorical manner. For the 7 reasons I set out in my previous letter either the brain evidence described by Humes is a lie in every word including the ands and the thes, or it is an allegory of truth. I am now convinced of the latter. Humes is too smart to have constructed a forensic house of cards that would crash and destroy him with just one or two forensic questions, unless he knew that he could get away with it. But at the same time he could not describe a real brain when everyone in the room knew there was none. The allegorical solution managed to

express the truth in such a satirical and taunting way that the very expression of it indicted the Warren Commission, by their failure to question it, as co-conspirators in the plainest possible way. An impossible brain=no brain.

Regarding Mailer; I'll keep my eyes open, but I learned a long time ago, through my brief research on Hemingway and Faulkner, that objective truth just cannot be expected from people who make a living by inventing reality. Beside the fact that all of our big-time novelists have been cowards, liars and fakes, one needs perhaps to note that Mailer has had big-time troubles with the IRS. Perhaps now his troubles are over. In any event, he's always been a person of low character, and lately he's found another way to remind us of it.

Best wishes,

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